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In re Application of) Confirmation No.: 2604
PULLMAN, Gerald S. et al.) Group Art Unit: 1661
Serial No.: 10/076,633) Examiner: HAAS, Wendy C.
Filed: 19 February, 2002)
For: METHODS FOR INCREASING)
CONIFER SOMATIC EMBRYO)
INITIATION, CAPTURE, AND)
MULTIPLICATION)

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The *Office Action* from Examiner Wendy C. Haas of Art Unit 1661, dated 30 November 2004, has been received and carefully reviewed. In response thereto, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited reference neither teaches nor anticipates the present invention as herein claimed.

Applicant further submits that the following amendments place the Application in condition for allowance and/or place the Application in better form for appeal. The amendments do not raise new matter issues or raise issues requiring further consideration or searches. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the pending *Office Action* for the following reasons and remarks.